

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 876

By Finney

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Kathleen Porter, 2006
Co-Valedictorian of Sevier County High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Kathleen Porter is one such exceptional student who was recently named Co-Valedictorian of the 2006 graduating class at Sevier County High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Kathleen Porter has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Ms. Porter has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average while serving as a valued member of several scholastic organizations, including Interact, National Beta Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Student Government, Younglife, and the National Honor Society; she has also served as Treasurer of the Key Club and Teen Board Secretary; and

WHEREAS, a four-year honor roll student, Kathleen Porter is an avid sports enthusiast and was a member of her school's varsity soccer and basketball teams as well as the 2005 All-District Soccer Team; she also served as Student Producer for Sevier County High School's Charter Media and was the Editor of the 2005-2006 Yearbook; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Ms. Porter is a USAA National English Award Nominee and a USAA National Science Award Nominee; she was selected as a Hugh O'Bryant Leadership Award Finalist, Student Representative at Sevier County Educational Summit, Sevier County High School Girls State Delegate, National Toyota Scholarship Nominee from

Sevier County High School, a 2006 News Sentinel Academic Achiever, and a Super Severian for 2005-2006; and

WHEREAS, additionally, Kathleen Porter was a member of the First Annual Smoky Mountain Youth Leadership Program and was selected for inclusion in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*; and

WHEREAS, committed to community service, Ms. Porter has participated in the NEA's Read Across America project and volunteered her time and talents to such worthwhile endeavors as: Sevierville Primary's Breakfast with Santa and Family Resource Fair, Kids Voting Booth, Smoky Mountain Youth Leadership Carnival for the Home for Children, Toys for Tots, Robert Tino's Fall Festival, Mountain Hope Good Shepard Clinic, and she also served as a tutor for the Boys and Girls Club and was a valued member of the Youth Group at her church; and

WHEREAS, Kathleen Porter's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success as a student at Georgia Southern University, where she has been awarded an academic scholarship; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Porter's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Jim Porter and Kathy Porter, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Kathleen Porter's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2006 Sevier County High School Co-Valedictorian, Kathleen Porter, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy and successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.